

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Noriyoshi SHIDA, et al.

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For: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND FILM FORMING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

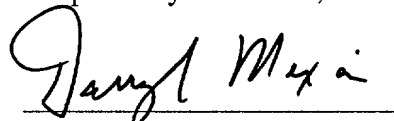
Please enter the following amended claims:

22. (Amended) The film forming method according to claim 16, wherein the substrate is an optical disc substrate.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as follows:

22. (Amended) The film forming method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 16,
wherein the substrate is an optical disc substrate.

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